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THE Security of the King and Government, and of the Lives and Properties of the Subjects, is a Matter of such Importance, that 'tis natural for every one who wishes well to his Country, to be jealous of every Step taken to indanger it, whether it be from foreign Enemies in open

War, or from the lawless Rage of a disorderly Rabble at Home.

for writing a Book against Kingly Power, which he never published, and Mr. Samuel Johnson, a learned and pious Divine of the Church of England, was whipt from Newgate to Tyburn, for writing on *Address to the English Army*, entreating them not to join with the Papists in destroying the Religion and Liberties of their native Country, such a daring Insult as this, would certainly have been punished with Loss of Bars, if not of Life.

In former Reigns these sort of Insurrections were very common, and if it were only to prevent them, and secure the publick Tranquility, the Money expended in maintaining a regular Force is very well laid out; for who would not give a Shilling or Eighteenpence in the Pound out of the Income of his Estate, rather than be in continual Danger of losing the Whole, having his House plunder'd or demolish'd, and himself and his Family turned out of Doors?

Nothing can be more dangerous than a Mob, which very often, from some trifling Accident, gather Strength, and becomes so formidable, as to threaten the Subversion of the Government.

And here it may not be amiss, to take Notice of some Insurrections of the Mob in former Reigns, as well as to shew the Danger of Tumults and Seditions, as the Severity with which they have been punished.

In the Reign of Richard the 2d. * *Wat Tyler*, chosen by the Seditious, Chief and Protector of the poor People, saw himself at the Head of above a hundred thousand Men, breathing Revenge on the Nobility and the Professors of the Law. Thus attended, he march'd directly to London, freeing, in his Rout, all the Prisoners detained in the publick Gaols; among these, was a Priest of Maidstone, one John Ball, who by his seditious Sermons, raised the People's Fury to the utmost Height. He persuaded them, that all Men being Sons of Adam, there ought to be no Distinction, and consequently, it was their Duty to reduce the World to a perfect Equality. Pursuant to this Maxim, they resolv'd to dispatch all the Nobility, and those that were distinguished by their Posts; so without further Consideration, they cut off the Heads of all the Lords, Gentlemen, Judges, Counsellors and Lawyers that fell into their Hands. † The Flemings, against whom they were extremely incensed, were above all others exposed to their Fury. They dragged them from the Churches where they had taken Sanctuary, and upon their not being able to pronounce certain Words, very difficult for Foreigners, they were immediately massacred.

UPON the Defeat of the Rebels, they were executed without Mercy. ‡ It is affirmed, that besides those which fell with their Arms in their Hands, above fifteen hundred died by the Hangman. Judge Trevelyan was commissioned to go into the revolted Counties and try the Guilty. As the Number was very great, he had an Opportunity to gratify his cruel and barbarous Temper, in punishing the unfortunate Wretches, to whom he shewed no Favour. The Cruelties he exercised during his Commission, may well be compared to those practis'd of late Years, by a Judge of the same Character in the Reign of James the 2d.

THE next Mob Insurrection of Note that we read of, was in the Reign of Henry the 6th, when one † *Jack Cade*, an Irishman, drew together great Numbers of Malecontents, using for Pretence, the Necessity of reforming the Government and easing the People.

The King having Notice of the Approach of the Rebels, sent to know the Reason of their appearing thus in Arms. *Cade* answered for all, That they had no ill Design upon the King's Person; that their Intention was to Petition the Parliament, that the evil Ministers might be punished, and the People rendered more happy than of late Years (which is exactly the Language of the *Craftsman* in our Days.)

* THE City of London, either through Fear or

some other Motive, opened her Gates to the Rebels, and *Cade* enter'd, as it were in Triumph, at the Head of his Troops. Next Day being inform'd that the Lord *Sey*, High Treasurer, was in the City, he order'd him to be apprehended and beheaded.

In Conclusion, he was deserted by his Followers, upon the offer of a general Pardon, and slain in his Retreat.

BUT the Pardon under the Great Seal did not prevent the Execution of many of his Accomplices, † twenty six of whom were put to Death. Eight at *Canterbury*, and the rest elsewhere.

THUS it was, that the Subjects of England were exposed to Violence under our ancient Constitution; and before a regular Force was kept up for the Preservation of the Peace of the Kingdom; and in this Manner was the Mob treated before any Riot Acts were made.

Lincoln's Inn.

WM. PRYNN.

† Ditto Notes p. 575.

To Mr. J — E —, Author of a Letter in the London Daily Post, July 31.

UPON my Word, Sir, you write in a very smart and lively Style; nay, it is *Life* itself: For, as *Shakespeare* says,

Life is a Tale,
Told by an Idiot, full of Sound and Fury,
Signifying nothing.

BUT you are resolv'd to sling Dirt enough, in hopes some will stick: But at whom do you sling it? at R. P. which you take to be the Initial Letters of that Person's Name, you are so very Angry at for his just *Censure*, and have most wittily applied them to *Requish Retailers*; whereas had you known any thing of *Chaucer*, or ever look'd into Mr. *Urry's* Glossary, you would have known these Letters to be the common Abbreviation for the *Roman of the Rose*, a Poem of *Chaucer's* there quoted; besides no one signs a Letter in the Middle. However, that you may not be mistaken in your Man for the future, I shall sign this with the real initial Letters of my Name, and notwithstanding the most scurrilous and abusive Language you bestow upon the Author of that Letter, I will for once take it upon myself, and endeavour to defend it in as few Words as possible.

Sir, I do pretend, and am resolv'd always, to act, upon what you call, *English Principles, Justice and Liberty*; but of what Nation your Principles are, I know not; nor with what *Justice* you tax me with a Lye: I do not say, your *Work* is hawked about the Street in *Scraps*, I know none you have written worthy of it; but, I say, 'tis pity *Chaucer's* Works should ever suffer such Indignity, as your Proposals threaten him with: And I know no other Name for those poor Fellows that carry the News Papers, &c. about the Country, than *Hawkers*; and these, I suppose, you must employ to carry your *Packets* about to all the Coffee-houses, Ale-houses, &c. where you have laid Proposals; and of these, I say, I have bought several the like *Scraps*, and have been cut short in the Middle of a Volume, by reason of a Prosecution against the Publisher for somewhat like *Pisfering*: Which Word I spoke in general, and by no Means intended it, as you would insinuate, for your Proprietors; they may be very *laugh* Men for what I know; but more of that anon.

You assert, that I have ventur'd my Reputation on this, that the *è* is only used in the 2d Place; but had you used me honestly, or understood *Chaucer*, you would have express'd it otherwise. The *E* feminine or oblique, is never used in any even Place, except the 2d: And then you might have spared your Instances of its being used in the 3d, 5th, 7th, and 9th Places, than which nothing is more common: But as to the 4th, 6th, and last Place, Mr. *Urry's* Edition is no Authority, and you are wrong in the Instances quoted from him. — *Arcite* is a proper Name, sometimes used as three Syllables, and is spelt in most MSS. *Arcita*. — Instead of *Neighbourhoods all*, read *Neighbourhoods all*. — *Synonymus* is in some Books, wrote *Synanon*, and Rhymes to *Abfalon*; or it is a double Rhyme to *to me*; or *to me* may be used

* See Rapin, vol. 1. page 457.

† Ditto p. 457. 2d Column.

‡ Ditto p. 458. 459.

§ Ditto p. 574.

¶ Ditto p. 575.

* See Craftsman 31st July.

as one Syllable; but I shall make this plainer to you in my Preface.

Next comes a Cart Load of *rascally* Names; but for what? Why, because the Printer has inadvertently put *Avidity* for *Aridity*.—And, Sir, I should be ashamed to own myself bred at *Eaton*, if I did not know the Meaning of the Word *Exspiro*, and that, as you apply it, (when *Zephyrus* *exspired* the *Crope*;) it is Nonsense: And as to that *barren* *Impudence*, you so mannerly charge me with, for using the Word *inspired* from *inspire*, give me leave to tell you, that few MSS. have the first Leaf perfect; but those that have, and all the printed Books, except *Speght's*, read it with me, *inspired*, which I again, *et meo periculo*, assert to be the genuine Word.

Lastly, as to my Design; (since you dare not say a Word about the *Metre*, the most material Thing of all) my Design you say, is *not only ungenerous, but dishonest*; but take care, Sir, lest this *Dishonesty* fall upon yourself, and the Proprietors for whom you undertook this Job.

— I publish'd Proposals for an Edition of *Chaucer's Works* in Octavo, about two Years ago: There is scarce a Gentleman in *Cambridge*, but knows my Design; and most of the Librarians in *Oxford* and *London*, have favoured me with their Assistance, as will appear in my various Readings from above 20 MSS. And now, Sir, all on a sudden (for had you been any Time employ'd about this Work, I should surely have met, or heard of you somewhere) you start up with your Six penny *Journey-work*, in order to prejudice me in my Publication. But you may depend upon it, I shall pursue my Design, tho' the *Prince of Criticks* were my Antagonist, much less do I fear one of your Size; and in Return for your vile Names and ungentlemanlike Treatment, I shall only tell you a short Story.—There was an illiterate Fellow at *Cambridge*, that used to attend the School Exercises; upon a Gentleman's asking him, what he did there; or what Pleasure he could take in hearing what he did not understand? *Oh, Sir*, says he, *I know how the Matter goes, as well as you, for when once I see a Man in a Passion, I know who has the Worst of the Argument*. And so, Sir, you may write, rail, abuse, and call Names as fast as you please, I shall not hereafter think you worth the Notice of

Chiswick, Aug. 2.

T. M.

L O N D O N.

At the Assizes at Oxford, several Prisoners were tried, but none capitally convicted, upon which the Sheriffs, according to Custom, presented the Judges with white Gloves.

On Monday next the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor sets out for his Seat at Barrington in Gloucestershire for the Vacation.

On Sunday next, in the Morning, at the Oratory, Gentlemen may engage a private Institute to prevent being impos'd on, to excel, or to confute, in Philosophy, Theology, Learned Professions, Debates, &c. — The Exposition will be on seeing God, and not: Abram worshipping, and not: Esau serving, and not: Living in Seir and not: The Oration will be on Memoirs of Adam, Land of Nod, Adam's Person, &c. — In the Evening, the Exposition will be on Lot, Abram's Brother, and not: and an Untruth, punish'd and not: The Lecture will be on the Days and Doctrine of the Dog-star, and the Philosophy of Summer, very curious Accounts and Calculations, in numerous and choice Instances: the Sun farthest off in Summer: Two Summers, why, &c. Then a publick Disputation, Mr. Bunyan Opponent, "Whether a Man may be a Member of Christ's Church before Baptism?" — A Case in which the Baptists are deeply interested. — Daily the Gentleman's proper Univerfity is carried on in the Museum, in private Institutes, for such as would be Eminent and Successful in their Views and Professions, against Competitors and Adversaries in Learning, Arts, &c.

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